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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Special Assistant to the DCI

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FROM:

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Chief, Plans and Policy Branch  
Public Affairs Division

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SUBJECT:

Press Coverage of the National Defense  
Executive Reserve National Conference

Public Affairs told the logistical people handling the Conference that the DCI did not want any press coverage of his appearance and we were assured by our contacts, Dick Simpson and Jim Miskel, that the press would not be on the floor of the session. We inquired about this point several times on different occasions and each time were assured the press would not be covering the DCI's presentation, questions and answers. We were never informed of any change in press arrangements. Mr. Casey had agreed to be videotaped as well as voice-taped but for internal purposes only.

After the Conference, on 8 March, we called both men to inquire why the press had then been at the presentation. We did not receive any satisfactory answers. Mr. Simpson said it was also his understanding the press would not be at the session but provided no reasons. Mr. Miskel said the press was on the floor to "cover the Department of Defense" but was not allowed to ask any questions.

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